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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



## PIB / AIR – Culture

Prime Minister's Office



### PM conveys Ramzan greetings

Posted On: 11 MAR 2024 8:58PM by PIB Delhi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has extended Ramzan greetings to everyone.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

“Wishing everyone a blessed Ramzan. May this holy month bring joy, good health and prosperity in everyone’s lives.”

## News

- Prime Minister Modi has conveyed Ramzan greetings.

## About

- The holy month of Ramzan has begun across the country.
- Ramzan is the **ninth month** of the Islamic lunar calendar and **Eid-ul-Fitr** is celebrated at the culmination of the fasting month.

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## PIB / Polity and Governance

### Shri Kishor Makwana assumes charge of Chairman National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) today

Posted On: 11 MAR 2024 6:53PM by PIB Delhi

Shri Kishor Makwana assumed the charge of Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi today. Shri Luv Kush Kumar also assumed the charge of Member of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi today.



## News

- Kishor Makwana assumed the charge of **Chairman** of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)**.

## About

- NCSC is **constitutional body** established with a view to provide safeguards against the exploitation of **Scheduled Castes** and **Anglo-Indian communities** as well as to promote and protect their social, educational, economic and cultural interests.
- **Article 338** of the Indian constitution deals with National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

## Composition of NCSC

- It consists of a **Chairperson**, a **Vice-Chairperson**, and **three other members**.
- They are **appointed by the President** by warrant under his hand and seal.
- Their conditions of service and tenure of office are also determined by the President.



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## The Hindu / Polity and Governance

### India 'one of the worst autocratisers': V-Dem report on democracy

Noting that almost all components of democracy were getting worse in more countries than they were getting better, the report singled out freedom of expression, clean elections, and freedom of association/civil society as the three worst affected components in autocratising countries

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### News

- According to the 'Democracy Report 2024', India is 'one of the worst autocratisers'.

### About

- The report is released by the Gothenburg-based **V-Dem Institute** which tracks democratic freedoms worldwide.
- The report categorises countries into four regime types based on their score in the Liberal Democratic Index (LDI): Liberal Democracy, Electoral Democracy, Electoral Autocracy, and Closed Autocracy.

### Key Findings

- According to the report, 71% of the world's population live in autocracies, an increase from 48% ten years ago.
- The level of democracy enjoyed by the "average person in the world is down to 1985-levels", with the sharpest decline occurring in Eastern Europe, and South and Central Asia.

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The Hindu: Infrastructure

## China lashes out at PM's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, criticises Sela Tunnel and development projects



### News

- China has lodged a diplomatic protest with India over Prime Minister Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, where he inaugurated the strategically important Sela tunnel.

### About

- The Sela Tunnel, situated at an elevation of **13,000 feet**, will be the world's longest bi-lane tunnel at an elevation.
- Executed by the **Border Road Organisation (BRO)**, the project features two tunnels and a link road.
- The tunnel has been made on the road connecting **Assam's Tezpur to Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang.**

### Sela pass

- The Sela Pass is a high-altitude mountain pass located on the border between the Tawang and West **Kameng districts** in **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- The Pass is a sacred site in **Tibetan Buddhism.**

TH/IE: Governance

## Centre implements Citizenship Amendment Act: Check the CAA rules here

The Act, which was passed in 2019, seeks to fast-track Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians who migrated to India owing to religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

### News

- The Ministry of Home Affairs announced the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act, CAA.

### About

- The Act, which was passed in 2019, seeks to fast-track Indian citizenship to **Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians** – with the exception of Muslims – who migrated to India owing to religious persecution in **Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh**.

### How is citizenship acquired in India?

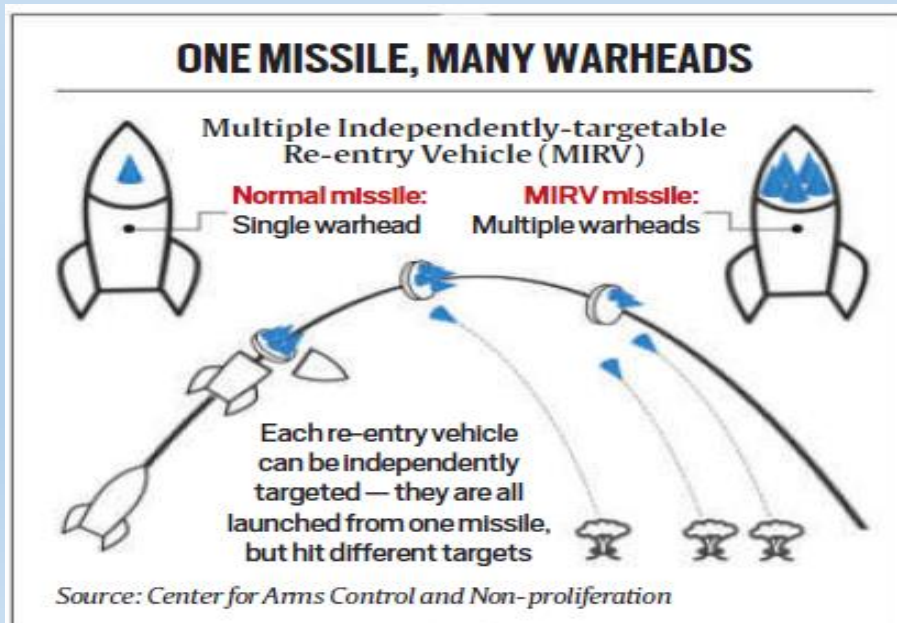
- **In India, citizenship is regulated by the Citizenship Act, 1955.** The Act specifies that citizenship may be acquired in India through five methods:
  - By birth in India,
  - By descent,
  - Through registration,
  - By naturalization (extended residence in India), and
  - By incorporation of territory into India.



IE: Defence

## PM Modi announces Mission Divyastra success: What is the Agni-5 missile with MIRV technology

Agni missiles have been in the arsenal of the Indian armed forces since the early 1990s. This latest variant of the Agni missile is equipped with MIRV technology. Here's what this means, and why it is significant.



### News

- India announced the successful test firing of Agni-V ballistic missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology by the DRDO under Mission Divyastra.

### What is MIRV technology?

- The MIRV can target multiple targets that can be hundreds of kilometers apart with a single missile.
- It is capable of carrying nuclear warheads and has a range of more than **5,000 km**, making it a **long-range missile**, and is aimed mainly at thwarting the challenge from China.
- As of now, the **United States, Russia, China, France and the United Kingdom** are known to have MIRV-equipped missiles.

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IE: Defence

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### Agni5

- It is an ingeniously built advanced **surface-to-surface ballistic missile** developed under the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)**.
- The missile can reach an exceptional Mach 24 speed and has a very high degree of accuracy to hit targets.

### Agni Class of Missiles

- **Agni I:** Range of 700-800 km.
- **Agni II:** Range of 2000-2500 km.
- **Agni III:** Range of 2,500 -3500 Km
- **Agni IV:** Range is around 4000km and can fire from a road-mobile launcher.
- **Agni-V:** The longest of the Agni series, an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with a range of over 5,000 km.
- **Agni-P (Prime):** It is a canisterised missile with a range capability between 1,000 and 2,000 km. It will replace the Agni I missile.